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A.—(*a*) Yes. A copy of the proceedings of a public meeting of one section of the Mussalmans of Bellary protesting against the retention of the school in the present building was received by the Director of Public Instruction. At the same time, a memorial praying for the continuance of the school in the present building was also received from another body of Mussalmans.

(*b*) & (*c*) No.

(*d*) The question does not arise

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know, Sir, with reference to clause (*b*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction inspected the building and thought it to be unsatisfactory some time ago ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" Did she inspect the building at all ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not sure at all."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what is the report, if any ? "

Rental value of the buildings for the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women, Bellary.

* 1450 *Q.*—Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the building for the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women at Bellary is a rented one ;

(*b*) if so, what is the rent Government have been paying for the said building ; and

(*c*) on whose advice the rent for the said school building was sanctioned and whether at the time of fixing the rent the local rental value of buildings was taken into consideration ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rupees 75 a month.

(*c*) The rent was sanctioned on the advice of the Director of Public Instruction and in consultation with the officers of the Public Works Department.

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" With reference to (*c*) it is stated that the rent was sanctioned on the advice of the Director of Public Instruction and in consultation with the officers of the Public Works Department. Who are those officers ? Were they the local officers or the Executive Engineer of the District ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Naturally they must be local officers, Sir."

Promotions to the M.E.S. grade.

* 1451 *Q.*—Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that two persons were recently promoted to the M.E.S. grade although they were non-L.T.'s. ;

(b) if so, why the exception was made in their case; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the claims of some qualified men were subsequently overlooked on the ground that they have not passed the L.T. examination?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) All the officers newly promoted to the Madras Educational Service (Administrative Branch) during 1929 were L.T.'s.

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether Messrs. Abdul Salam and Peria Sastri who were recently promoted are L. Ts?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I believe they are."

Opening of a Middle School for Girls at Cuddapah.

*1452 Q.—Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Mussalman women public of Cuddapah have sent memorials to Government requesting the opening of a Middle School for Girls in Cuddapah town;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) whether at present there is no school of any kind for imparting education to the girls at Cuddapah?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The question of opening additional secondary schools for girls in the Presidency is under consideration.

(c) There is a Government Middle school for girls at Cuddapah.

Khan Sahib K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur:—"With reference to clause (c) may I ask the hon. the Chief Minister whether there is separate arrangement for Mussalman girls?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I believe there is a separate arrangement for Mussalman girls in the middle school at Cuddapah."

Re-organization of the Philosophy department in the Presidency College.

*1453 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Philosophy department of the Presidency College was overhauled about July 1929;

(b) whether the Chief Professor and two of his Assistants were transferred to other educational institutions;

(c) whether the men brought in to fill their places were men who had only Intermediate-class experience;

(d) whether it is a fact that Professor Chakravarty strongly protested against the transfer of Mr. S. Rama Ayyar and Mr. Nagaraja Sarma;

(e) whether these two men were transferred in spite of the above protest;

(f) whether the two men transferred had done very satisfactory work and whether the latter had also done original research;

(g) whether Mr. N. Srinivasachari was first transferred to Palghat, and that the transfer was later cancelled;